

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Hearing Date: April 29, 2021 8:00 AM

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COMMENTS FOR: SB 331

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Brenda McGahagin

self, registered dietitian

Austin, TX

Dear House Elections Committee Members,

I am writing to ask that you ensure HB 331 pass out of committee. This bill allows a person assisting a voter with interpretation to assist the voter in both reading and marking the ballot. (Existing law limits the interpreter to reading the ballot to the voter.) The interpreter would take the same oath required of other individuals providing assistance. Allows an election officer to appoint an interpreter for a voter. (Existing law requires the voter to select the interpreter.) The election officer may appoint an interpreter who is a registered voter in the county or an adjacent county. Allows a voter to appoint any person they want to serve as an interpreter except for their employer, an agent of their employer, or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs. (Existing law requires the voter to appoint a registered voter from the voter's county of residence and does not contain prohibitions related to employers or labor unions.)

Thank you.

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Richard Caldwell, Mr.

n/a

Boerne, TX

I support this bill

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Georgia Keysor, Ms.

Self - Retired

Austin, TX

Please support this bill. TEXAS DESERVES BETTER THAN JIM CROW

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Liudmila Homen

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

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Yes, interpreters should take oath so we are somewhat sure they are translating accurately.

The bigger question is how come US citizens can vote without understanding English - adequate English should be a requirement

YES for strengthening interpreters requirements

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Carrie Moore

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

VOTE YES! More integrity in regards to interpreter requirements is a great thing!

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Richard Smith

Self

Corpus christi, TX

I vote no

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shawn flanagan

self/retired

corpus christi, TX

please vote yes improves election integrity

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Larry Ringle

Self

Portland, TX

Vote YES to toughen interpreter requirements. American citizens who are legal voters must learn English.

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Paul Laudadio

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

YES! This bill provides improved strength for interpreter requirements. We should encourage U.S. citizens legally able to vote to learn to speak English - the language of their host country!

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Paul Laudadio

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

Yes! Voter interpreter requirements should be strengthened and U.S. citizens voting legally need to be able to learn to speak English - the language of their host country!

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Julie Kellogg

self

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote yes, helps to strengthen interpreter requirements. Ultimately US citizens, legally able to vote, need to learn and speak English, this helps them to achieve the American dream and be Americans. Many people in other countries speak so

English it doesn't make sense to not speak English in the U.S.  
This should be required for citizenship, but that is another topic.

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Mary Slaughter

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

Please vote Yes!! This bill strengthens the requirements to be an interpreter. United States citizens who are legally able to vote, should be required to speak and understand English!

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Victoria Hanson

self - retired

Corpus Christi, TX

YES - Articulating and clarifying interpreter guidelines will eliminate confusion of current laws.

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DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes. This is similar to a House Bill already heard by the Elections Committee. Interpreters should be held to high standards.

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Kimberly Bridges Young

Self, Retired

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote YES! Strengthens interpreter requirements. US citizens legally able to vote need to learn and speak English. This should be required for citizenship, but this is a whole other discussion.

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Sharon Burnett

Self

Ingleside, TX

Hello Honorable Johnson,  
Please vote YES! The standards for interpreters need to be fortified! English is the language of our country and should be the language of voting! Learning English should be a necessary for becoming a citizen.  
thank you,  
Kelley

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